

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-13 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A text messaging system including a plurality of information terminals provided with ~~communications means~~communication parts, and servers connected to the information terminals via communication lines responsive to the ~~communications means~~communication parts, the text messaging system comprising:
 - a plurality of ~~transmission means~~transmitters having different transmission modes and one of the transmitters provided in each of the information terminals for transmitting to the servers text messages addressed to other of the information terminals;
 - ~~reception means~~a receiver -provided in the information terminals for receiving from the servers a text message from other of the information terminals;
 - ~~status detection means~~a status detector provided in the information terminals for detecting and reporting to the servers an operational status of ~~the each transmission means of the transmitters~~ including at least a change of status of the connection with the communication lines;
 - ~~reception means~~a receiver provided in the servers for receiving text messages from any one of the information terminals;
 - a status administrator ~~administration means~~ provided in the servers for storing, per user of any one of the information terminals, the operational status, including the change of status, of ~~the each transmission means of the transmitters~~ of each information terminal reported from said ~~status detection means~~ status detector;
 - a selector ~~selecting means~~ provided in the servers for referring to the operational status, including the change of status, stored by the status ~~administration means~~administrator of an information terminal that is selecting a message destination and a ~~transmission meanstransmitter~~ and transmission mode for the received text messages according to the stored operational status and change of status; and
 - ~~transmission means~~a transmitter provided in the servers for transmitting text messages received from the information terminals to the destination information terminal according to the

dynamically selected transmission mode using the dynamically selected ~~transmission~~
~~meanstransmitter~~.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A text messaging system including a mobile terminal and an information terminal respectively provided with communication ~~means~~parts, and a server connected to the mobile terminal and to the information terminal via a communications line responsive to the ~~communications means~~communication parts, the text messaging system comprising:

a plurality of ~~transmission meanstransmitters~~ having different transmission modes in the information terminal for transmitting to the server text messages addressed to the mobile terminal, or to another information terminal;

~~reception means~~a receiver provided in the information terminal for receiving from the server text messages from the mobile terminal, or from another information terminal;

a status detection means~~detector~~ in the information terminal for detecting and reporting to the server an operational status of the each ~~transmission meanstransmitters~~ including at least a change of status of the connection with the communications line;

~~reception means~~a receiver provided in the server for receiving text messages from the mobile terminal or the information terminal;

a status administration means~~administrator~~ provided in the server for storing per user of the information terminal, an operational status of each ~~transmission meanstransmitters~~ of the information terminal reported from said ~~status detection means~~detector; and

a selector~~selecting means~~ provided in the server for referring to the operational status, including the change of status, stored by the ~~status administration means~~administrator of an information terminal that is a destination of the text message received from the information terminal, and for dynamically selecting a message destination and a transmission mode and a ~~transmission meanstransmitter~~ for the received text messages according to the stored operational status and change of status; and

~~transmission means~~ a transmitter provided in the server for transmitting to the information terminal text messages received from the mobile terminal, and transmitting to the mobile terminal text messages received from the information terminal, or transmitting text messages received from the mobile terminal or the information terminal to another mobile terminal or to another information terminal according to the dynamically selected transmission mode using the dynamically selected ~~transmission meanstransmitter~~.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A text messaging system according to claim 2, wherein:

said status ~~detection means~~detector further detects and reports to the server whether the information terminal is being used; and

said ~~selecting means~~selector, upon the information terminal being used determines the information terminal to be a transmission destination for text messages.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A text messaging system according to claim 2, the information terminal further being provided with a service ~~detection means~~detector for detecting and for reporting to the server network-application operational status in the information terminal, wherein:

said status ~~administration means~~administrator stores the reported network-application operational status; and

said ~~selecting means~~selector, wherein the network application is operable on the server, determines to transmit received text messages using the network application if the network application is running on the information terminal.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A text messaging system according to claim 2, wherein said ~~transmission means~~transmitters is enabled to notify the server that a text message has been read, further comprising:

a reporting ~~administration means~~administrator provided in the server for saving text messages transmitted to the information terminal, and, wherein if not notified to the effect that a text message has been read, for forwarding the text message to the mobile terminal.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A text messaging system according to claim 5, wherein said reporting ~~administration means~~administrator forwards to the mobile terminal text messages transmitted to the information terminal in response to change in operational status of the information terminal.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A text messaging system according to claim 5, wherein if a text message transmitted to the information terminal is not read within a predetermined time period, said reporting ~~administration means~~administrator forwards the text message to the mobile terminal.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A text messaging system according to claim 5, wherein said reporting ~~administration means~~administrator in predetermined instances reports to text message send sources that their text messages have been sent to the mobile terminal.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A text messaging system according to claim 5, wherein if said reporting ~~administration means~~administrator cannot send a text message to the mobile terminal, said reporting ~~administration means~~administrator stores the text message and reports to the text message send source that its text message has been stored.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A text messaging system according to claim 2, wherein:

said status ~~detection means~~detector reports to the server text message senders' contact phone numbers;

said status ~~administration means~~administrator stores the reported phone numbers; and wherein a text message is sent from the information terminal to the mobile terminal, if the senders' contact phone number has been set, said ~~decision means~~detector adds the phone number to and transmits the text message.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A text messaging system according to claim 2, further comprising a proxy information terminal connected to the communications line, wherein said proxy information terminal is provided with:

~~reception means~~a receiver for receiving from the server text messages from the mobile terminal;

an information acquirer ~~acquisition means~~ for obtaining in accordance with the received text messages operational status of other information terminal wherein the system includes a plurality thereof;

~~transmission means~~a transmitter for transmitting the obtained operational status as a text message to the mobile terminal; and

an information ~~setting means~~setter for setting and reporting to the server an operational status of the other information terminal in accordance with the received text messages.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A text messaging system including a mobile terminal and an information terminal respectively provided with communication ~~means~~parts, a first server connected to the information terminal via communications line responsive to the

~~communications means~~communication parts, and a second server connected to the mobile terminal and to the information terminal via the communications line, the text messaging system comprising:

a plurality of ~~transmission means~~transmitters having different transmission modes provided in the information terminal for transmitting to the second server text messages addressed to the mobile terminal, or to another information terminal wherein the system includes a plurality thereof;

~~reception means~~a receiver provided in the information terminal for receiving from the second server text messages from the mobile terminal, or from other information terminal wherein the system includes a plurality thereof;

~~a status detection means~~detector provided in the information terminal for detecting and reporting to the first server an operational status of the each ~~transmission means~~transmitter including at least a change of status of connection with the communications line;

~~a status administration means~~administrator provided in the first server for gathering and storing per user of the information terminals, an operational status, including the change of status, of the each ~~transmission means~~transmitter from each information terminal;

~~reception means~~a receiver provided in the second server for receiving text messages from the mobile terminal or the information terminal;

~~selecting means~~a selector provided in the second server for obtaining from the first server operational status, including the change of status, of the information terminal that is a destination of the text message received from the information terminal, and for dynamically selecting a transmission mode for received text messages according to the obtained operational status and change of status; and

~~transmission means~~a transmitter provided in the second server for transmitting text messages received from the mobile terminal or the information terminal to another mobile terminal or a destination information terminal according to the dynamically selected transmission mode using the dynamically selected ~~transmission means~~transmitter.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A text messaging system according to claim 12, wherein the information terminal is enabled to notify the second server that a text message has been read, and further comprising:

~~a reporting administration means~~administrator provided in the second server for saving text messages transmitted to the information terminal, and, wherein not notified to the effect that a text message has been read, for forwarding the text message to the information terminal.

14-24. (CANCELED)

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The text messaging system according to claim 1, wherein the change of status that is detected and reported is a change from a connected status with the Internet to a disconnected status or change in a use of an information terminal by a user.

26-28. (CANCELED)